

CITY OF CHICOPEE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting
May 18, 2016

Pursuant to Mass. General Law Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Chicopee Wetland Ordinance Ch. 272, the Chicopee Conservation Commission held a public hearing on **Wednesday, May 18, 2016** at 6:15 PM, Planning/Conservation Office, 4th Floor, City Hall Annex, 274 Front St., Chicopee, MA.

Jim Reidy opened the meeting at 6:15 PM and announced that the meeting was being recorded.

Conservation Commission attendance:

Member	Present	Absent	Excused
James Reidy, Chair	X		
April Cloutier			X
Michael Beliveau	X		
Jessica Dzwonkoski			X
Celeste Donovan	X		
Charles Payne	X		
Nathan Moreau	X		

Planning/Conservation Staff attendance:

Member	Present	Absent	Excused
Lee Pouliot, Director			X
James Dawson, Development Manager	X		

Item 1. (NEW) RDA improvements to the Paderewski St. Pump Station. Work will occur within Riverfront Area and Buffer Zone to Bordering Land Subject to Flooding. Location: 141 Paderewski St., Applicant: Chicopee DPW, Jeffrey Neece, 115 Baskin Dr., Chicopee, MA 01020

Notes: Melissa Coady from Tighe & Bond explained the RDA; she described the site and associated buffer zones as well as the riverfront area. Melissa stated the site will remain as is and no increase in size to the pump station was anticipated. One Abutter called Tighe & Bond; Melissa explained the project to them.

Motion to approve was made by Charles Payne and seconded by Celeste Donovan.

Vote was 5-0 to approve with a Negative 5 determination and with exemptions noted in RDA Application.

Member	Approve	Deny	Continue	Abstain
James Reidy, Chair	X			
Michael Beliveau	X			
Celeste Donovan	X			
Charles Payne	X			
Nathan Moreau	X			

Item 2: (NEW) RDA for installation of a new expanded septic system within Buffer Zone of Bordering Vegetated Wetland. Location: 75 Litwin Lane, Chicopee, MA 01020 Applicant: Sunshine Village, Inc. same address

Notes: Roger Woods, Land Surveyor from Palmer, MA explained the request. He stated the existing septic system is failing and needed to be replaced. He stated the new system would be enlarged to accommodate future expansion of the building. The area to be disturbed is currently maintained lawn area.

The Commission discussed the request and decided on a Negative 3 determination with a condition that hay bales and silt fence be left in place until grass was reestablished in the disturbed area.

Motion to approve with a Negative 3 determination with a condition was made by Nathan Moreau and seconded by Michael Beliveau.

Vote was 5-0 to approve with a Negative 3 determination and the condition noted above.

Member	Approve	Deny	Continue	Abstain
James Reidy, Chair	X			
Michael Beliveau	X			
Celeste Donovan	X			
Charles Payne	X			
Nathan Moreau	X			

Item 3: Minutes from April 6, 20 and May 4, 2016

Notes: Nathan Moreau abstained from the vote for the April 6 and 20, 2016 minutes as he was not yet a member of the Commission.

Michael Beliveau abstained from the April 6, 2016 minutes vote because he was absent from that meeting.

Jim Reidy abstained from the April 20, 2016 minutes vote because he was absent from that meeting.

Celeste Donovan and Michael Beliveau abstained from the May 4, 2016 minutes vote because they were absent from that meeting.

April 6, 2016

Member	Approve	Deny	Continue	Abstain
James Reidy, Chair	X			
Michael Beliveau				X
Celeste Donovan	X			
Charles Payne	X			
Nathan Moreau				X

April 20, 2016

Member	Approve	Deny	Continue	Abstain
James Reidy, Chair				X
Michael Beliveau	X			
Celeste Donovan	X			
Charles Payne	X			
Nathan Moreau				X

May 4, 2016

Member	Approve	Deny	Continue	Abstain
James Reidy, Chair	X			
Michael Beliveau				X
Celeste Donovan				X
Charles Payne	X			
Nathan Moreau	X			

Item 4: SIGN BILLS!

Notes: Planning/Conservation staff noted that there were no bills to sign.

Item 5: Discussion/New Business

Notes: Planning/Conservation Staff stated there were no new applications and therefore would be no meeting on June 1, 2016

Letter from Keith Morris distributed to Commission Members to review. Letter was in regard to annual herbicide applications along the Pan Am rail rights of way. Planning/Conservation Staff noted that the Pan Am's current RDA was still effective until May 2018.

Item 6: Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Celeste Donovan and seconded by Charles Payne.

Vote was 5-0 to adjourn.

Member	Approve	Deny	Continue	Abstain
James Reidy, Chair	X			
Michael Beliveau	X			
Celeste Donovan	X			
Charles Payne	X			
Nathan Moreau	X			

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 PM.